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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to let you know that I am against the current Microsoft antitrust settlement that was reached by the DOJ and Microsoft. This does not go far enough to stop the continued abuse of the public trust through illegal monopolistic practices. The abuse consists of Microsoft's use of proprietary formats and protocols that have the intent of locking me into using their operating systems and software products.

With most people, through ignorance, buying into Microsoft's solutions, the end result is no choice and no competition. It is only a matter of time, where I will be forced to use Microsoft services to gain access to the internet or for that matter to do anything with a computer. This to me is no choice at all and hurts me and other consumers like me.

I currently cannot purchase a system that comes with a dual boot hard drive where I can either boot into Redhat linux or boot into Microsoft windows. This is a product of Microsoft's restrictive licensing practices with OEM's.

The finding of fact which confirmed that Microsoft is a monopoly requires strict measures which address not only the practices they have engaged in in the past, but which also prevent them from engaging in other monopolistic practices in the future.

It is my belief that a very strong set of strictures must be placed on convicted monopolists to insure that they are unable to continue their illegal activities. I do not think that the proposed settlement is strong enough to serve this function.

Sincerely,

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